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SUBJECT: BILATERAL TALKS ON AGRICULTURAL RESTRICTIONS

1. SECGEN MINCOMMERCE INFORMED EMBASSY THAT USDEL HAD PROPOSED TO ICELANDIC DELEGATION THAT TALKS BE HELD ON AGRICULTURAL RESTRICTIONS. SECGEN INFORMED EMBOFF INFORMALLY THAT TALKS COULD NOT PRODUCE ANY CHANGE IN ICELANDIC POLICY ON MEAT AND DAIRY RESTRICTIONS, NOTING ALSO HOW LIBERAL ICELAND HAS BEEN ON GRAIN AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

2. SECGEN ADMITS PRIVATELY THAT RESTRICTIONS GO BEYOND SANITARY MEASURES AND REFLECT THE POLITICAL REALITY OF ICELAND. HE SAID THE RESTRICTIONS WILL REMAIN REGARDLESS OF THE PARTIES IN POWER. SUBSIDIES, HE NOTED, PROTECT THE SHEEP INDUSTRY, BUT ICELANDIC FARMERS COULD NOT COMPETE IN POULTRY, PORK OR BEEF. EMBOFF SUGGESTED INFORMALLY THAT THEY COULD COMPETE IN DAIRY PRODUCTS, WHEREUPON SECGEN REPLIED: "IT'S LIKE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS --- YOU DON'T QUESTION IT."

3. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH IT IS OFTEN DIFFICULT TO CONVINCE HOST
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GOVERNMENTS THAT US ALSO HAS SENSITIVE DOMESTIC POLITICAL FORCES

WHICH CANNOT LONG BE IGNORED, WE WILL CONTINUE TO TRY HERE.
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